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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**

The attached informal estimate was prepared last night by representatives of State, G-2, ONI, A-2, JIG, and CIA.

In sum, there is no question of the capability of the Soviet Union to mount an attack against Japan without appreciable warning at any time when weather and other conditions are generally favorable. There are, however, no positive indications of such intention although there is a disquieting build-up of Soviet strength in the Far East.

It is the opinion of this Agency that a Soviet attack against Japan, which would of course initiate global war, is unlikely during the next two months.

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